

Budget Officer

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The Assistant General Counsel

Your attention is called to the following testimony by Mr. H. L. Tracy, Legal Advisor to the Comptroller of the Army, on 7 March 1950 before the Subcommittee on Department of Defense appropriations of the House Appropriations Committee:

"Section 612 - Security Guards"

Mr. Tracy. On page 107 of the committee print, section 612 has been amended by inserting the words "reimbursement of General Services Administration for security guard services for protection of confidential files." The need for this language arises from decisions of the Comptroller General of August 23 and October 18, 1949, stating that other agencies cannot use their funds to reimburse the General Services Administration for special guard services unless there is specific authority to do so. The General Services Administration budgets only for normal guard services. In the event that we have special security requirements that cannot be financed by the General Services Administration, we must have authority to use our funds to pay for such special guards."

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